

## Senate Joint Memorials

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### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND BUREAU OF FISHERIES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the present regulations prevent the inhabitants of the Yukon River Valley from canning or mild curing salmon for the open market thereby forcing them to dry their entire catch for dog feed; and

WHEREAS, the market for dried fish being very limited as compared with previous years the fishermen's [fisherman's] means for gaining a livelihood for self and family on the Yukon River has almost vanished; and

WHEREAS, the estimated average yearly catch of salmon on the Yukon River between the points of 35 miles above and 35 miles below the town of Tanana is 135 tons of dried fish, which catch can be maintained without danger of depletion, having a sale price of 8 cents per pound, or a total value of \$21,600.00; and

WHEREAS, a ten pound salmon when dried weighs only three pounds, and approximately one half of the salmon caught consist of Kings and Silvers, which would bring the highest price on the market if sold for human consumption. A fair estimate of the yearly loss to the people of this one section alone because of the prohibition placed on the preparation of the Yukon salmon for human consumption on the open market, based on a sale value of fifteen cents per pound, is \$56,700.00; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Igloo of the Pioneers, by resolution condemned the present wasteful practice of drying Kings and Silvers for dog feed, forced on the people along the Yukon by regulations, and requested the Legislature to memorialize the Bureau of Fisheries to grant relief

WHEREFORE, your Memorialist prays that these people be granted the right and privilege of establishing local community canneries, limiting the pack to a point where there is no danger of depletion or be permitted to dispose of the first class salmon in any manner whereby they may secure the

highest market value for their product, thereby enabling them to secure a fair competence for their labors and assist materially in building up several prosperous villages along the Yukon River.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, April 1, 1931.

Passed the House, April 7, 1931.

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#### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully represents that the Legislature meeting in informal joint session of the two houses on March 13, 1931, heard an address given by Mr. H. D. Anderson of the School of Education of Leland Stanford Junior University in which he outlined the study being made of the social status and educational attainments of the native people of Alaska. This study is now being made at the request of Dr. William John Cooper, Commissioner of Education of the Department of the Interior of the United States and is financed by a Carnegie grant. When completed, this study will reveal the present social status of the native inhabitants of Alaska and attempt to project their future, objectively evaluate the present program of educational work being conducted by the Alaska Division of the United States Office of Education, and recommend a comprehensive policy for future action. This report when made will be of vital concern to the development of Alaska. The Legislature has been deeply impressed with the value of the work to all people interested in the welfare of Alaska, and is hopeful that said survey may be completed and the report made thereon at the earliest convenient date.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the premises your memorialist, the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully prays your most earnest and serious consideration of the findings and recommendations resulting from the survey mentioned.

Passed the Senate, April 6, 1931.

Passed the House, April 10, 1931.